



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher, Omaha Police Chief Eric Buske, and Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: For being an Illegal Alien in Possession of a Firearm on December 1, 2008, Ricardo Jimenez-Ortega was sentenced by the Honorable Lyle E. Strom, Senior United States District Judge, to serve 18 months in prison, which will be followed by a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On March 05, 2009, federal agents searched the defendant's trailer home in Wakefield Nebraska, finding three pistols and two rifles. Jimenez is a citizen of Mexico who is illegally present in the USA.

Name of Defendant: Ricardo Jimenez-Ortega

AKA: Gilbert Hernandez, Ricardo Ortega Jimenes

Age: 25

City of Residence: Wakefield Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Illegal Alien in Possession of a Firearm carries not more than 10 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Wakefield Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Wakefield Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: n/a

Others Charged in Same Scheme: n/a

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: March 05, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: March 05, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: March 12, 2009

Indictment Returned Date: March 20, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: March 12, 2009, on the complaint; May 4, 2009, on the Indictment

Plea Date(s): May 4, 2009

Sentencing Date: July 24, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: n/a

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Hon. F. A. Gossett

Held without Bond: Yes

In Continuous Custody Since: March 05, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Lyle E. Strom

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